



General Assembly

February Session, 2004

Substitute Bill No. 10

* SB00010AGEHS030304 *

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE LONG-TERM CARE
OMBUDSMAN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 17b-400 of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

4 (7) "Long-term care facility" means any skilled nursing facility, as
5 defined in Section 1819(a) of the Social Security Act, [(42 USC 1395i-
6 3(a)) any] 42 USC 1395i-3(a), a nursing facility, as defined in Section
7 1919(a) of the Social Security Act, [(42 USC 1396r(a))] 42 USC 1396r(a),
8 a board and care facility as defined in Section 102(19) of the federal
9 Older Americans Act, [(42 USC 3002(19)) and] 42 USC 3002(19), for
10 purposes of ombudsman program coverage, an institution regulated
11 by the state pursuant to Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act, [(42
12 USC 1382e(e))] 42 USC 1382e(e), a managed residential community, as
13 defined by the regulations of the Department of Public Health, or
14 congregate housing, as defined in section 8-119e, where services are
15 provided by an assisted living services agency, as defined in section
16 19a-490, as amended, and any other adult care home similar to a
17 facility or nursing facility or board and care home.

18 Sec. 2. Section 17b-406 of the general statutes is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

20 (a) Residents' advocates, under supervision of the regional
 21 ombudsmen, shall assist the regional ombudsmen in the performance
 22 of all duties and responsibilities of the regional ombudsmen as
 23 described in section 17b-405.

24 (b) (1) Each long-term care facility shall provide each applicant and
 25 resident with a copy of the brochure developed by the State
 26 Ombudsman pursuant to this subdivision. The State Ombudsman
 27 shall develop and periodically update a brochure concerning the
 28 services provided by the office, including, but not limited to, the
 29 names, addresses and telephone numbers of the appropriate
 30 ombudsmen.

31 ~~[(b) All long-term care facilities]~~ (2) Each long-term care facility shall
 32 post or cause to be posted in a conspicuous place ~~[therein]~~ in the
 33 facility a list of the names of the appropriate residents' advocates and
 34 the names, addresses [,] and telephone numbers of the appropriate
 35 ombudsmen.

36 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall have authority to seek
 37 funding for the purposes contained in this section from public and
 38 private sources, including but not limited to any federal or state
 39 funded programs.

40 Sec. 3. (Effective July 1, 2004) The sum of ____ dollars is appropriated
 41 to the Department of Social Services, from the General Fund, for the
 42 fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, for three additional representatives, as
 43 defined in section 17b-400 of the general statutes, as amended by this
 44 act, to provide services to residents of long-term care facilities, as
 45 defined in section 17b-400 of the general statutes, as amended by this
 46 act.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

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